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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR §1.53(b) is the
[] patent application of
[] continuation patent application of
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[X] continuation-in-part patent application of

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For: **METHODS FOR PURIFYING NUCLEIC ACIDS**

[X] This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates:
[X] 08/691,090 / 8/1/96; _____ / _____; _____ / _____, the disclosure(s) of which is (are) incorporated by reference.

[X] Please amend this application by adding the following before the first sentence: --This application is a [] continuation [] division of and claims the benefit of U.S. Application No. _____, filed _____, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference.--

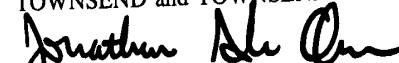
Enclosed are:
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[] An assignment of the invention to _____
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[X] A [] signed [X] unsigned Declaration.
[] A Power of Attorney by Assignee with Certificate under 37 CFR 3.73(b).
[] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 [] is enclosed [] was filed in the prior application and small entity status is still proper and desired.
[] A certified copy of a _____ application.
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[] A petition to extend time to respond in the parent application.
[] Notification of change of [] power of attorney [] correspondence address filed in prior application.
[] Please cancel claim(s) _____.
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Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.53(f), Applicant requests deferral of the filing fee until submission
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Respectfully submitted,
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